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NEWS, FEATURES

Random Items

GOOD TRICK For \$25,000, a Philadelphia man offered to tell the Senate Finance committee how to pay the war bills.

ATTENDED FUNERAL Five years ago, Felix (Uncle Bush) Breazale, then 71-year-old Negro farmer, of Kingston, Tenn., sat before his homemade walnut casket and heard his funeral preached while several thousand invited persons looked on.

CAT'S MEOW Worried about his cat's dinner when meat rationing comes in, Wallace H. Hannah, superintendent of music for Vancouver, Wash., public schools, ran this classified ad in the newspaper.

ENCORE Sliced bread reappeared but briefly, in Houston, Texas, and housewives almost trampled each other in the rush.

NO PIANO? Mrs. Gesina Holmes' will—and two sewing machine drawers—were filed for probate at Fresno, Calif.

COLLEGE VACCINATES OVER 2000 STUDENTS More than 2000 students and faculty members were vaccinated last month in the Health Service at the Pennsylvania State College.

PENN STATE TO GIVE COURSE FOR HERDSMEN A course for dairy herdsmen will be offered by the Pennsylvania State College from March 9 to 13 inclusive.

Missing in Action Among Pennsylvanians announced by the Navy Department as missing in action with the U. S. Merchant Marine between Dec. 22, 1942, and Jan. 31, 1943 is Henry Edward Harris, Jr., of Shamokin.

Suffer Frozen Ears An epidemic of frozen ears has been experienced in Lewisburg lately. The physicians and staff of the ACF plant, were called upon to treat a large number of cases among employees.

Stove Explodes Frozen pipes caused an explosion in the water front of the kitchen stove in the F. J. Hanrahan home at Rupert, near Bloomsburg.

K. of C. Chaplain Dies Rev. Dr. John E. O'Connor, 57, pastor of St. Leo's Catholic Church, Altoona, since 1922, died last Thursday night in the rectory after a brief illness.

Rats Qualify As Weather Prophets The experimental rats in laboratories at the Pennsylvania State College are not bothered by lack of government weather forecasts during the war.

Family Loses Third Child In Burning Accident When Little Daughter Succumbs

Grim Hand of Tragedy Again Reaches Into Home of Poor Family Near Tyrone; Two Children Burned 4 Years Ago

Mary Elizabeth Zindel, aged 17 months, daughter of Wayne H. and Catharine (Fisher) Zindel, died last Thursday morning in the Altoona Hospital where she was admitted on January 22, suffering from burns received in the home along Jamesville pike, northwest of Tyrone.

This is the third child in the Zindel family to meet a similar fate. She suffered severe burns of the body when her romper suit caught afire from a stove in the home.

Surviving are the parents and one brother, John, and three sisters, Constance Louise, Margaret Catherine and Lorena Theresa.

The family resides in a small house in what was formerly known as the German settlement and which replaced a log house destroyed by fire about noon on Feb. 24, 1938, when two small children were burned to death.

At that time the mother, with her daughter, Constance, had gone to the home of a neighbor, leaving the children in the home, which became ignited.

Following that fire a small dwelling was erected and the family remained at the settlement. The home was destroyed in this latest chapter to the tragedy.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning at 9 o'clock in the St. Matthew's Catholic church, Tyrone, with Father James A. Tolan in charge.

Injured Son to Return Although they had begun to lose hope of seeing their son alive, Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Bowersox, of Lewisburg, last week received a letter from him, stating that his condition is improved and that he may be returned to the United States for treatment.

The youth, Charles J. Bowersox, Jr., a marine engineer, suffered the loss of a leg and other severe injuries in an accident some time ago.

School Fire at Emporium A blaze, believed to have started from a match which was thought to have been extinguished and was thrown into a waste paper box, destroyed a piano and scorched part of the bleacher seats in the high school gymnasium at Emporium last Thursday morning, an hour before school began.

Accidents Occur On Icy Highways Two Crashes West of Mill Hill Saturday Involved Four Cars

A patch of icy pavement on Route 220, the former Route 64, at the Spotts-Hanna farm two miles west of Mill Hill was responsible for two crashes earlier Saturday morning investigated by the motor police.

Arrest Soldier On Charge of Desertion S. R. Richardson and John Eisenhooth, of the State Motor Police at Rockview, last Wednesday arrested a Centre county soldier in a lonely spot in the mountains near Salsburg, Lycoming county.

STATE COLLEGE DEVELOPS FLOOD PREDICTOR DEVICE A new type of stream control which will aid in predicting floods on small and large drainage basins has been developed at the Pennsylvania State College.

BOYS MUST REGISTER ON 18TH BIRTHDAYS Pennsylvania youths under eighteen years of age were warned this week that they must register for possible military service on their eighteenth birthday—no day or two after the birthday. Only exception to this is when the birthday falls on a Sunday or legal holiday.

Failed to Contact Her Dead Husband's Ghost An unusual article revealing how a prominent woman tried for sixteen years to contact her dead husband's spirit, but was finally convinced that the feat was impossible.

Drip, Drip, Drip!



39 Injured As Bus Is Wrecked

Greyhound Bus Plunges Over Embankment and Catches Afire Thirty-nine persons were injured, two seriously, when a Philadelphia bound Greyhound bus skidded on a curve, plunged over a 10-foot embankment, and was destroyed by fire 3 miles northwest of Stroudsburg, last Friday.

Many of the 39 passengers probably would have been burned to death had not a hole been ripped in the bus by steel guard rails when it overturned.

MARTIN SIGNS BILLS SETTING LICENSE FEES Governor Martin last week signed companion bills fixing a flat \$10 registration fee for passenger automobiles and reducing from \$26 to \$16.50 the cost of licenses for half-ton trucks.

Killed in Auto Crash An employee of the Cherokee Ordnance Works was killed when his car crashed into an electric power pole near Shamokin.

"Smoke and Joke" Time A "smoke and joke" feature is helping the Piper Aircraft plant at Lock Haven off to a good start on a 48-hour week.

Stocked With Rabbits Ten crates of Missouri rabbits were stocked in eastern Clinton county last week by members of the Clinton County Fish and Game Association.

TRUCKING CONCERNS SEEK RATES FOR DISTANT POINTS Two Centre County trucking concerns, Shoemaker Brothers of State College and Kofman's of Bellefonte, will present their new rate schedules covering these points at hearings of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission sometime in the near future.

Easter This Year Occurs on Latest Date Possible If the old saying "a late Easter makes a late Spring" is true, people are in for the longest Winter they have had in a half century.

Deer Killed by Car; Venison Goes to Jail "It's all right to eat deer meat out of season," says Game Protector Miller L. Reeder.

Schools Aid Junior Red Cross Fund The Bellefonte elementary grades and Parochial schools at the Bellefonte State College have already contributed 100 per cent to the Junior Red Cross War Fund.

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FARM QUESTION BOX by ED W. MITCHELL Farm Advisor General Electric Station WGY

Q—Have you information on the growing of flax and cotton? A—There is not much in the form of free bulletins that will give you a general idea on these subjects.

Q—Where may I get a soil analysis made? A—Take a two-pound sample to your county farm bureau office for testing. It will disclose whether the soil is acid or alkaline.

Q—Can you give me a spray formula for preventing apple blossoms from setting fruit? A—Add a little arsenic "Eigelot" to the pink or calyx spray.

Q—If I paint my small apple and peach trees after rabbits have chewed at the bark, will that save them? A—Paint helps repel mice and rabbits but half-inch mesh wire guards are better.

Distinguished Service Cross Awarded Former State College Soldier

Second Highest Military Decoration Conferred Upon Lieut. Robert Emery, Killed in Action on Algerian Front

Posthumous award of a Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest military decoration, was made at Camp Wheeler, Ga., last Tuesday to Lt. Robert M. Emery, son of Brig. Gen. and Mrs. A. R. Emery, formerly of State College.

Presentation of the medal to General Emery, former commander of the ROTC unit at the Pennsylvania State College, was made by Maj. Gen. Harold R. Bull, commander in chief of the Replacement and School Command, after his chief of staff, Brig. Gen. Harry F. Hazlett had read the official citation.

The full citation, naming "Robert M. Emery, first lieutenant, Corps of Engineers, United States Army," reads: "For extraordinary heroism in action at Djebel Murjadjo, Algeria, on November 8, 1942.

4-H Club Members Mobilize For Work An increase in membership and an enlarged program of activities are indicated as results of the recent 4-H Mobilization Week.

Beaver County has set a 100 per cent increase in membership as a goal. Franklin county has set a similar objective.

In Fayette county great interest is being shown by adults in encouraging 4-H Club members in their program of increased pork, poultry, vegetable, and dairy production.

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